## **Third Grade Happenings!**

Follow us on Twitter! It's a peek into our classroom each day! @adekleman and @AltonDarby

### Mrs. Kleman

## Epic

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All students have an Epic account. which aives them access to thousands of books online. There are a variety of genres, series, and levels. Many books of the have comprehension checks at the end to check for understanding.

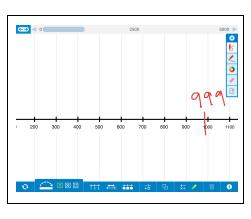
Some of you may have accounts already. If so, encourage your child to use them! We will be spending the next few weeks working on our "ebook reading stamina". I have found that often students flip through the pages of ebooks and aren't reading the entire story;) We will fix this!



**Guided Reading** Initial reading assessments are complete and guided reading groups will begin on Monday!

Students should be reading at home for enjoyment every night! 15-20 minutes a night makes a huge difference in their reading progress.

Take a picture and share it on Twitter using the hashtag #myreadinglife. Don't forget to



#### Math

One of our goals this week has been rounding to the nearest 100. We have used many strategies to help the students see WHY we round "up or down".

Placing a number on the open number line provides the students with a visual in which they can see which benchmark number the number they are rounding is closest to. As always, if a number falls directly in the middle of two you round UP!

The students are exploring apps to help them explain their thinking when it comes to rounding. Two that we have focused on are Explain Everything and Number Lines (pictured above). Blogging

September 11-15

The students were introduced to Liv Bits this week, a little girl that blogs about books and life! We all became instant fans! Liv is now a mentor author in our classroom.

As the students finish a good book, many are writing scripts and creating their own video blogs. Others are writing blogs. To access your child's blog at home click <u>here</u> - they know how to login!

Check out Livbits blog by clicking <u>here</u>!



## Fall Conferences

I look forward to meeting with you the first week of October. Click <u>here</u> to sign-up!

## Today is Dot Day!



Dot day was inspired by the book, <u>*The Dot*</u>(shocking;) By Peter Reynolds.

While it can be said many ways, the theme of the book is to be yourself and make your mark!

We talked about how we make our mark through our WORDS, ACTIONS and THOUGHTS!

I also revealed to the students that we will soon be making our mark by NOT making a mark in landfills! A.D.E. will be piloting composting lunch and recycling practices that are to be launched in all elementary schools by the end of the year! AND...we'll be using compostable trays!

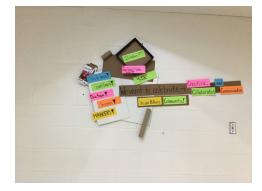
#### ST Math

Students can access ST Math at home and should! This is a great resource (and they LOVE it;) Here is the <u>eschool link</u>. From here they should know what to do.

## **Class Webpage**

I am working on moving our class website to Canvas. Until then the class website can be found at:

www.kleman.weebly.com



# Looking Ahead in September

16 - AD/DC Warrior Dash, 1-3pm

21 - Student Picture Day forms were sent home today (Friday)

25 - Pastries with Parents, 8am

Please RSVP by clicking <u>here</u> so we can be sure to have plenty of breakfast treats!

27 - Mumpkin Sale pick up (this is the correct date)

Oct. 7 - Cardboard Challenge!